Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Tenders were called for only last year (1104).

A comparative statement of the tendered rates of all the tenderers is placed on the Council Table. The tender of Messrs. Evans and Sons, Lescher and Webb, Ltd., Liverpool, being the lowest, was accepted.

Unemployment in the State.

208. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of unemployed educated people in the State;

(2) the number of graduates in the Government service on a salary of Rs. 30 and less;

(3) the lowest salary given to a graduate Government servant;

(4) whether the Government propose to take any measures to relieve the scourge of unemployment in the State;

(5) whether the Government realises that it is part of its functions to see that as far as possible there is no unemployment in the State;

(6) whether unemployment exists among the labouring classes also;

(7) whether unemployment exists more among the educated classes than among the educationally backward classes?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) No statistics are available.

(2) 50 from the information available.

(3) This has not been fixed. He is given the pay fixed for the post to which he is appointed.

(4) Government are already doing all they possibly can to relieve unemployment.

(5) Yes.

(6) No statistics available.

(7) No statistics available on the point.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—I would like to know whether any attempt has been made to collect the information—sub-divisions 1, 6 and 7.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There has been no attempt to collect statistics on the point.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—(4). How long has the Government been trying to do so?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Ever since they began to know that there was some sort of unemployment among the educated people.

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Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—What is the period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot say what exactly the period is, when exactly Government came to know of it and when they started these ameliorative measures. For the last 10 or 12 years probably, they have been recognising this and taking measures to remove unemployment.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know whether it has been done with a view to solve this question of unemployment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, certainly with a view to solve this problem.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know what steps have been taken?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mainly changing the curriculum of studies, giving prominence to industry and agriculture so that educated men need not depend on clerical posts, starting of agricultural loans, developing of the irrigation schemes, so that more people may be directed to agriculture.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know, Sir, what the result has been of the attempt made by the Government for the last 10 years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran. –Rather too early to say any definite result has been achieved. But Government do hope that this cannot but bring beneficial results.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Does the Government think that anything specific can be done without any data with respect to the actual number of unemployed men in the State? No statistics are available. and no attempt has been made to collect statistics. Does the Government think that any appreciable or specific results can be obtained if nothing is done for getting proper statistics?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The figures may be helpful. There is no doubt about that. Even without figures ameliorative measures could really be started.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know, Sir, whether the Government will be pleased to collect information on this point?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government will consider that question.

Notification of the Madras Government regarding employment of State subjects in British service.

209. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform :—

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